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HANKSGIVING SATISFIED HUNGER

Archie H. Hook

Minister and Superintendent

An editorial in one of our current periodicals states: "Stripped to its elementals, life has only one basic principle—hunger." In his soul man hungers for God; in his mind, for freedom and truth; in his body for food and shelter; and in all, for peace.

In his soul man does hunger after God. One of the most revealing statements in the creation story is that God made man in his own image, and then breathed into him the breath of life. That divine spark is never entirely extinct. There is a little bit of good in the worst of us. The hunger and thirst may not always be for righteousness, but there is an urge toward some superhuman, divine, spiritual being. "And when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret." Hereby shall your hunger be satisfied. "Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only," for herein shall you satisfy your spiritual hunger. "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; come, buy wine and milk without money and without price."

In man's mind is a perpetual hunger for freedom to think. Within the membership of the churches of this Conference there is a variety of religious beliefs. A minister no longer expects his congregation to believe what he says, because he says it, but he tries to stimulate clear thinking and conduct on the basis of Christian reason. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." Let us guard well the choices that satisfy our mental appetite.

Possibly man's hunger for food and shelter is out of proportion in our thinking today, still, it is one of the most primitive human instincts. We are tearing down old barns and building new, that we may lay by in store. In a land of abundance, there are those in want. In a land of plenty, people starve. God still speaks—"Thou fool." As we give thanks for our elaborate meals this Thanksgiving season may we remember in a very real way the thousands upon thousands of homes where there is physical hunger.

Americans love peace, possibly not more than, but surely as much as any people. We often hear of the price of war, but seldom of the price of peace. Too often we assume that peace is a happy coincident, a gift, a divine blessing. All history and doctrine prove such a position to be false. There is a price that must be paid for peace, equal to and even greater than that for war. We as Christians must be hungry enough for peace, that we will pay the price of real stewards. Yes, even to the point of sacrifice. "Blessed are they which hunger and thirst after

News of the Churches

CHENEY . . .

The members and friends of the Cheney Federated Church were reluctant to bid farewell to Rev. and Mrs. Fred Field when they left for their new home and pastorate at Franklin, Nebraska. The Fields had been at Cheney for six years and both of them had endeared themselves to young and old of the church and community. Their friends honored them with a coffee hour following the service of worship on Sunday, September 27, and presented them a purse of $450 to buy a gift for their new home.

MALTBY . . .

Appropriate services in observance of their 50th anniversary were held at the Maltby church on October 4.

Tacoma, PLYMOUTH . . .

On October 18 and 25, members and friends of Plymouth church shared in services observing the 50th anniversary of the church. Special activities included a presentation by Mr. John Kelly, the only living charter member, sermon by Dr. Archie Hook of the Conference; coffee hours and an anniversary dinner. Rev. O. P. Shenefelt is the present minister.

VANCOUVER . . .

A new oak altar and a large, solid oak hanging cross were dedicated at the worship service on October 4, in the Vancouver church. The altar and the cross were designed by the Rev. O. W. Jefferson of Pilgrim Church, Seattle, and Mr. Jefferson and one of his laymen made the cross. The altar was made by Mr. Walter Loving a layman of the Vancouver church. These two beautiful pieces add to the worshipfulness of the sanctuary.

WINSLOW AND SUQUAMISH . . .

Mr. Norman Vance of Bainbrid Island gave the sermon for the La men's Sunday observances at bo the Winslow and Suquamish churc es. Dr. Claton Rice, superintende emeritus of the Conference, was t speaker for the first of a series presentations to the Women's Fe lowships this fall. He spoke "Our Congregational Heritage."

Seattle, COLUMBIA . . .

At a special meeting of t Church Cabinet of Columbia churc early this fall, the decision wa made to build in four church scho rooms on the west side of the soci hall and two on the east side. Th plans were then drawn by Ray Emo and the work was begun. The room are now in use following the man hours of voluntary work given b those interested in the project. Thi improvement adds to the effective ness of the church school program.

TACOMA, FIRST . . .

A full schedule of activities hav gotten underway at the First Co gregational Church, with some ne opportunities this fall. In additio to the regular groups a drama grou has been organized, evening ser ices on Sunday will feature grou sharing of inspirational literature and the church school has a ne curriculum for this fall initiated b the Rev. Stuart Kimball.

All subscriptions to The Congregational Way expire with the December issue. New and renewals should be mailed to the Conference Office by December 1. Special Club Rates to Churches. Use the subscription blank enclosed; renew your subscription today; subscribe through your church and help form a club group.

eattle, FAUNTLEROY . . .

Ernest A. Yarrow, Jr.

Members and friends of the Fauntleroy church look forward to the oming of their new minister on ovember 15. Rev. Ernest A. Yarrow, r. has served the First Congregaional Church of River Edge, New ersey for the past ten years. He nd his family; wife and four chilren, will find a warm welcome for hem in their new parish.

Mr. Yarrow is a graduate of Oberin College and Union Theological eminary. He has also attended the ummer pastor's school in New Hampshire. He comes to the conerence with many high recommendaions, and we look forward to having he Yarrow family in our fellowship.

Seattle, OLIVET . . .

The Every Family Visitation Canvass of this church is being held n Sunday, November 8. Mr. Bill Evans, an active layman in the church, is serving as chairman of he program this year. Mr. Rex Jordan of Keystone Church will assist with the training sessions prior to the visitations.

PASCO . . .

In May, 1952, the members of the Pasco Congregational Church received into their fellowship the D. P. person they had sponsored, Elimar Gaedeke. He made such a fine impression upon the church that the members resolved to help him get the rest of his family to this country. After a year and a half of waiting, the family of mother, father and three brothers arrived in Pasco the last of September. The family was unable to get started before the last refugee bill ran out, so had to come through the regular quota system which involved more delay. The trip of the family from the east coast was financed by the Pasco church, and the women of the church assisted the big brother in furnishing the house which was in readiness for the family. The special committee of the Pasco church working on this project included Mrs. B. A. McDonald, Mr. R. O. Hall, Mr. John Corson, and Rev. Paul Sutley.

Seattle, UNIVERSITY . . .

Facilities of the new University church are being used by various groups. On Saturday, October 10, the church was host to a western Washington regional meeting of Pilgrim Fellowship. Twenty-four churches shared in this experience of planning for the year.

A regional conference on Church Architecture was held at the church on Friday, October 16. This conference was sponsored by the Washington chapter of the American Institute of Architects and the program featured Dr. C. Harry Atkinson, Executive Director, Bureau of Church Building, National Council of Churches, and leading architects of the area.

BELLINGHAM STUDENT PROGRAM

W. Carl Calhoun

The United Student Christian Foundation begins its second year of work at Western Washington College of Education at Bellingham. Five denominations comprising eight local churches are supporting this work, with a full-time minister to students, and a headquarters for the project which combines a student center and residence for the minister's family. Last year's house proved entirely inadequate for the large number of students who responded to the program.

The "new" one, which is pictured here, is only half a block from the campus, and has the room for every facility which the program needs. It is being used on the basis of a six-months' lease, with option to buy at the end of that time. Funds are urgently needed, both for a down payment on the purchase, and for the operation of the program. This year's budget calls for close to $8,000, of which about $6,000 is in sight through denominational sources. Presbyterian and Methodist groups are contributing generously through their national and conference or synod funds. Our own Congregational Christian Conference is also contributing in full proportion to the number of students from our churches which the program serves.

Gifts from churches and individuals who are interested in the program have come from several parts of the state. The Northwestern Association at its recent meeting gave a special offering for the current year's program. Inquiries about the project may be directed to Rev. W. Carl Calhoun, minister of our church at Bellingham.

PASTORAL CHANGES

The REV. FRED FIELD of Cheney did not accept the call to the Hillyard Church in Spokane, but went on October 1 to the church in Franklin, Nebraska.

REV. J. LOGAN PERINGER formerly of the Dayton church became the minister at TOUCHET as of October 1.

MR. ROBERT NATHAN, JR. a layman of the Kellogg church who has been serving the church at Worley for the past year becomes minister of the ALMIRA COMMUNITY CHURCH on November 1.

REV. RICHARD ENGLAND of Peshastin becomes the minister of the HARRINGTON CHURCH as of November 15.

DR. WADE L. CARTER who has served the church at Vancouver for a number of years, and has been chairman of the conference committee for Our Christian World Mission, becomes the minister of the church in PROVO, UTAH, on November 15. We regret that Dr. Carter is leaving our conference fellowship.

REV. BERNARD C. HERRICK who has served the Columbia Church, Seattle, for a number of years, becomes the minister of the FEDERATED CHURCH, KELLOGG, IDAHO, on January 1.

CENTENNIAL SERVICES

Three special Centennial Serves, sponsored by the Washington entennial Committee and the State ouncil of Churches, with local hurches participating, have been eld in Washington recently.

The first such meeting was held Waiilatpu, near Walla Walla, at e site of the Old Whitman Mission. his service commemorated the ounding of the first Protestant hurch in the Northwest in 1838, by issionaries sent out by The Ameriin Board. Mr. Chapin D. Foster, hairman of the Washington Centenial, was speaker, while the Rev. enneth Claypool, then minister of e Congregational Church at Walla alla, presided.

The second service was held in e old Claquato Church near Chealis. This church, long abandoned, as been recently restored by the merican Legion under the leaderhip of Mr. Roscoe B. Doane, a resbyterian layman of Chehalis. laquato Church is the oldest Protstant building standing in the tate. It was built in 1858. Associate ustice Matthew W. Hill was speaker f the day.

The third service was held at teilacoom. commemorating 100 ears of uninterrupted Protestant ervice in this historic town. Uiquely ecumenical, this 100 years f service has been shared by three enominations; Methodist, Presbyerian, and Congregational. Founded y the Methodist in 1853, the Presyterians coming in several years ater as a competing body, the Conregationalists have carried on for e last 70 years, the other two roups having withdrawn.

The Rev. George Schubert, pastor, ith his Committee organized a fitng service which was held out of oors adjacent to the State Historial Society's monument. Here, the riginal bell which hung in the ethodist Church, is housed. This ell called the worshippers together or the Centennial service on ugust 23, 1953, just 100 years rom the date the original church was organized. Mr. Chapin D. Foster brought greetings from the State Historical Society; Mrs. Clyde B. Davidson, church historian, presented a delightful summary of the history of the three churches; and the Rev. Claton S. Rice of the State Council of Churches and Superintendent Emeritus of the Washington Conference, preached the Centennial sermon.

THE LAYMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Fred Hockert

The Laymen's theme for the year, "Christ Calls Men," seems to me to carry a wonderful opportunity for men of the church to re-evaluate their own particular place in the church. How was Christ's call manifested to you personally? How can you make some other man see that Christ is calling him to some particular work within the church?

Before we can really know the meaning of Christ's call to us we must know well some of the inner workings of His church. We must know the why and wherefore of Our Christian World Mission. We must know the why and wherefore of our Stewardship Program and the Every Family Visitation Program. We must know the why and the wherefore of our program for Social Action. We should know intimately the inner workings of our own local church. Because as our knowledge of these various phases of our church increased so our call from Christ to assume some of the responsibility to keep his church a going concern becomes more apparent.

To the end that laymen may have this knowledge and know the call of Christ more fully the Laymen's Fellowship will have a series of Workshops throughout the Conference in the very near future. The plans are being worked out and leadership of the highest caliber in each field is being secured. The rest is up to you. If you feel that your knowledge of the church should be increased plan to attend the workshop in your area.

Why I Believe in the Family Visitation Program

Rex Jordan

Recently, Mr. Rex Jordan, an active layman in the Keystone Church, Seattle, and Moderator of the Washington Conference, was asked the above question. The following statements constitute his reply.

1. An Every Member Visitation Program gives every member an opportunity to share in giving, and giving is worship.

2. The visitation will re-vitalize the WHOLE of the church in the spirit of the Church's purpose.

3. Men who have never ventured in the spiritual outreach of the church will find that they are apostles of the Kingdom of God.

4. Families will be drawn together in a unified effort of real living, where before their interest's were a thing apart.

5. People of the community will see in the church a body of determination to make the world a better place in which to live, instead of just a building where people go on Sunday to sing hymns and listen to a sermon.

6. A membership awakened to the spirit of "Go Ye" will find that their money has a spiritual value and a spiritual purpose.

7. Yes, people will realize that their time as well as their talents are a part of God's creation.

8. An Every Member Visitation Program will re-inspire the pastor of the church and give him a deeper meaning of his ministry, and his church will be a living, growing church without the worry of raising money.

Dr. Dreier Joins Conference Staff

It is with pleasure and confidence at we present as the top story of e month the nomination and elec- n of Dr. Nelson C. Dreier as Con- rence Minister, beginning January 1954. When the special committee Staff Analysis and Nomination commended Dr. Dreier at the Sep- mber meeting of the Board of Di- ctors, it was unanimously approv- . In its report the committee commended that a Conference nister be secured who would serve a full associate with the Super- tendent; the plan being that the nister would carry on the work Stewardship and Missions which eRoy Eide directed so success- lly for the last five years. He ould also be a member of the ssions Council Staff, giving some idance to neighboring conferenc- . The plan of having both a perintendent and a Minister as sociates in conference leadership probably a new venture in our fellowship. The advantages of such an arrangement have been discussed. This was the recommendation of Dr. Hook and the Special Committee, and, as indicated, has the full support of the Board of Directors. The response given in the fall Association meetings assures us that it will have similar support of ministers and churches throughout the Conference.

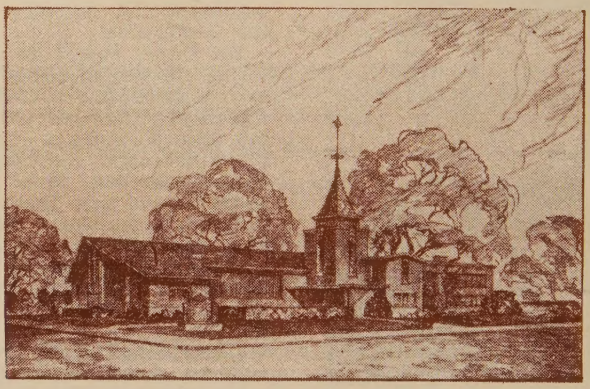
Dr. Dreier comes as no stranger to us. He has an acquaintance and a warm friendship with many in our Washington Conference family, having been a leader at various times in Association meetings, Annual Conference and other occasions. Both Dr. and Mrs. Dreier are eager to return to the West. There are two fine children in the family; David, a student in the Junior College of Pasadena, California, and Marcia, who entered Whittier College this fall.

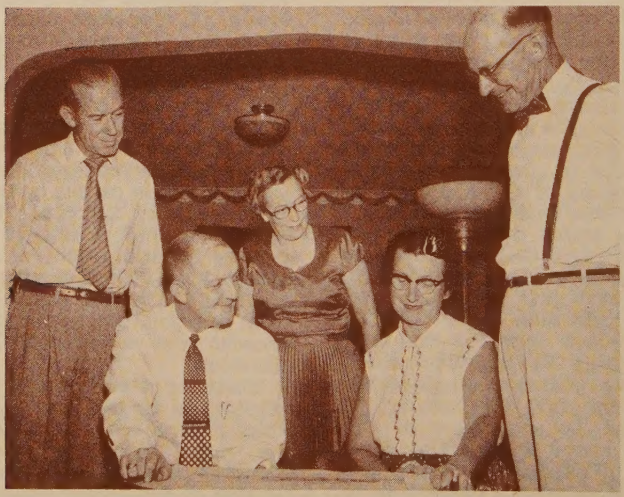
Considerable of Dr. Dreier's time will be devoted to ministers and local churches. Dr. Hook and the Board of Directors have felt for some time the need for rendering greater service in this field. Dr. Dreier's ability and experience fit him admirably for this versatile type of leadership. After graduating from Chicago Theological Seminary he served churches in Iowa, from which he was called to the Superintendency of Colorado, where he served for three years. In 1941 he became Superintendent of the Congregational Christian Churches in Southern California, and it was from this position that he went to his present post on the Board of Home Missions.

There is mutual enthusiasm and confidence in this new associateship. It promises a strengthening of our entire Conference program in terms of better stewardship, an extension of missionary education and zeal, and a more specialized ministry to the churches and ministers within the Conference.

"Let Us Rise Up and Build"

Members of the Pasco Church have for the past few years faced the problem of inadequate facilities in a growing community. The week of September 14—20 represents their response to the situation. After careful preparation Mr. Curtis R. Schumacher of New York, Director of the Department of Church Finance Advisory Service, came to direct their campaign for funds for a new building. Pictures shown here reveal something of this experience. Two-thirds of the calls were completed on the day of the canvass, and for the number of pledges received the amounts exceeded the national average per pledge about three times.





Plans for the new building were shared with each of the 12 colony groups.

Local committee chairmen contributed greatly to the successful week; Bruce Whitemarsh was general chairman; Bryce Hall, publicity; Ed Ray, Canvass Committee; and Mrs. E. H. Mattoon, special meetings.

uce Whitemarsh, general chair-
n, shares tabulations with Paul
ıley, minister, and Curtis Schu-
cher, director of campaign.

23 teams of laymen made the necessary calls.

To the Congregational Christian Churches of the West Coast and Hawai
Who, Possessing a Precious Heritage, Are Called Upon to Be Worthy of I

Dear Brethren:

Massachusetts has pledged its full quota of $750,000 to the Church Build ing Loan Fund Campaign. Much of the money being raised nationally wil be needed on the West Coast to help meet the unprecedented problems o this region. The West Coast quota is $675.000, of which $229,000 remaine unpledged as of September 1.

The old Loan Fund amounts to about $3,500,000. It is completely appro priated. Over the years this West Coast area and Hawaii received the follov ing aid:

Washington	$ 766,337
Oregon	393,394
California	2,321,558
New Mexico	50,686
Arizona	131,247
Hawaii	13,220
	$3,676,442

The total is greater than the present capital funds. This has been pos sible because of the revolving character of the fund. Through Septembe 1952 the Fund had aided Congregational Christian churches across th nation to the extent of $21,055,372, of which the West Coast has receive better than one-sixth. The fact is that there is hardly a church in the are but what has been aided at one time or another in some degree.

The fact is that there are hundreds of communities with thousands c boys and girls, of young mothers and fathers, that are unchurched. Shall we whose strength stems not from one tradition alone but from the soil of dozen and more expressions of the Reformation, hesitate to carry our shar of the Protestant load in churching the modern frontier—the new community Have we not the faith that God in his wisdom and power will work his work through his Word as the Bible shall be opened and the Gospel proclaime to spiritually hungry thousands?

A hundred years ago our fathers had the faith to establish the Churc Building Society that the frontier might be churched. A new unchurche frontier of unprecedented proportions faces us in our day. We, too, have th opportunity to do something about it. The per capita cost amounts to a fe dollars. The individual church participation requested is relatively smal The method of paying over two or three years involves only a modest addi tion to the local church budget. But 5,000 churches, each sharing accordin to its strength, can create a mighty force for righteousness throughout th nation.

We of the West have grown into a mighty empire. We believe the futur lies in this great and dynamic region. Let's act as we talk.

We of the West Coast will need the full $675,000 raised among our churc es. And we will need to draw, as stated above, to a large extent on fund raised elsewhere. The time is short. The success or failure of the campaig will condition our churches, our homes, our region, and our country throug out the unfolding years. The answer is ours to make. The consequences ar unescapable.

May we, too, merit the commendation of our Master, "Well done, thou goo and faithful servants."

Fraternally yours,

Edward H. Lauer **Stanley U. North**

DECLARATIONS OF PURPOSE RECEIVED

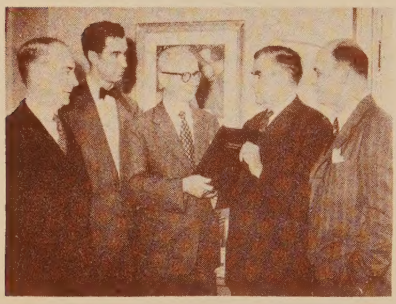
Anacortes, Pilgrim
Arlington
Bellevue
Bellingham
Blaine
Carnation
Cathlamet
Cheney
Colfax, German
Colfax, Plymouth
Colville
Dayton
Dryden, German
Elk
Endicott, German
Everett
Ferndale
Forks
Harrington
Hockinson
Ione
Kellogg
Kelso-Longview
Kirkland
Lacrosse, German
Lewiston
Lewiston Orchards
Lind, German
Loon Lake
Lowell
Lummi Island
Malden
Marlin, German
Metaline Falls
Monroe
Mullan
Naselle, Finnish
Odessa, German
Otis Orchards
Pasco
Peshastin
Plummer
Pullman
Ralston
Richmond Beach
Ritzville Philadelphia
Ritzville Zion
Seattle, Alki

CHURCH BUILDING · LOAN FUND CAMPAIGN · $4,500,000

Seattle, Columbia
Seattle, Fairmount
Seattle, Fauntleroy
Seattle, Green Lake
Seattle, Japanese
Seattle, Keystone
Seattle, Magnolia
Seattle, Olivet
Seattle, Plymouth
Seattle, Prospect
Seattle, University
Spokane, Hillyard
Spokane, Lincoln Heights
Summit Park
Suquamish
Tacoma, First
Tacoma, German
Tacoma, Plymouth
Toppenish
Touchet
Vancouver
Veradale
Wallace
Walla Walla, First
Walla Walla, German
Wapato, German
Warden
Washougal
White Salmon
Winslow
Worley
Yakima

As of October 2, our conference report shows a total of 85 churches participating in the campaign; 4 of whom have not sent in their Declarations of Purpose. This number represents $110,368.69 raised on our conference goal of $143,837.

News Briefs



Pictured above is Dr. Thomas A. Tripp, Director of the Town and Country Department, presenting a copy of the "Parish Workbook for Town and Country Churches" to the president of the Board of Home Missions, Dr. Howard Stone Anderson. Others pictured from left to right include Dr. Douglas Horton, Minister of the General Council; Dr. Wesley Hotchkiss, Director of Research; Dr. Anderson; Dr. Tripp; and Dr. Truman B. Douglass, Executive Vice President of the Board of Home Missions. The Workbook has been prepared as a special service to rural churches.

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Our Conference is cooperating with the State and National Council of Churches in a series of Youth Work Institutes on November 3, 4, and 5. The meetings are for the adult advisors of high school groups and will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. each of the days. The primary purpose of the meetings is to introduce the new Youth Audio Visual Kit produced by the Youth Committee of the National Council. The kit consists of a series of seven filmstrips on the various phases of youth work and resources available.

Rev. Ed Crill, National Youth Director of the Church of the Brethren and Rev. Milton Heitzman of the Audio Visual Department of the National Council will be the leade of these institutes.

Meetings will be held on Tue day, November 3, at the First Co gregational Church, Tacoma; Wedne day, November 4, The First Met odist Church, Yakima; and Thur day, November 5, First Covena Church, Spokane.

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THE PILGRIM CIRCUIT RIDE a special project of the Board Home Missions, will again visit o conference from November through December 3. Miss Lei Anderson, staff member of the Di sion of Christian Education, is t driver of the station wagon as visits local churches offering hel for the various programs. Sever of the churches in the Columb River Association will be privileg to have the services of The Pilgri Circuit Rider.

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Dr. Stanley U. North of San Fra cisco and area director for the P cific Coast of the Church Buildi Loan Fund Campaign will be in o conference from November through December 3. There will various meetings and visits to loc churches on behalf of the campai which ends this year. Dean Edwa H. Lauer, donference chairman, wi be working with Dr. North in th endeavor.

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Westminster Congregation Church, Spokane, will be hosts the ANNUAL CONFERENC MEETING this year. The dates wi be May 4, 5, and 6. Rev. Cleme F. Hahn is the present minister the church.

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Readers of the magazine CHI DREN'S RELIGION have enjoy articles by Dr. Martin L. Goslin the past two issues, and look fo ward to the December issue for t third in his series of meditatio on "The Church." Dr. Goslin the minister of Plymouth Churc Seattle.

FOR THE GRACE OF GOD

) God, from whom at the dawn of life's day we come; in whom through heat or its chill or its storm we live and move and are; to whom we go en our work is done and our part is played, look upon us all in Thy mercy grant us Thy benediction. Thou knowest the occasion of our being here. k Thou in us Thy wonders to perform and sanctify to our profit this time worship.

Iear us as our silent petitions arise, each praying for the thing nearest. rgive us if our prayers are unworthy of Thy listening ear. "We have erred l strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep; we have done those things we ht not to have done." Yet, in plenty and want, in honor and shame, Thy ce hast spoken in our hearts. So we have acknowledged Thee in our ys, committed them unto the Lord and trusted in Him.

Forgive us that we can be so near to many human beings without being ristian enough to be neighborly; that while they struggle desperately to et the demands of life we can be blind to their need. Forbid that we ever r Thee say to us, "Inasmuch as ye did it not unto the least of these, did it not unto me," Honor the labors of those who work in unattractive ces, who carry to cast-off people the ministry of divine love in human dness. Thy touch hath still its ancient poer, let that touch rest upon se who seek in many tongues to interpret the God of truth and of love.

These hours spent together are such high moments, O God, where faith— h broad and deep—is greater than our doubt. Visit us with Thy salvation; r the voice of the better part of us. We have made the Most High our itation; send Thou Thy angels to take charge over us, to keep us in all y ways; to minister peace and healing to those who reach once again for hem of Thy robe; to the lonely who covet the presence of the Comforter; those who by their transgressions have cut themselves off from their iliars; to those who on the far-flung battle lines of the Cross seek to ng light to dark places of the earth—send Thine angels to take charge r all these.

Thy mercy be upon those who, in other ways than the sword, fight the tles of a free world. Accept the dedication they make. Thy mercy be n those who will not allow the struggle of life to be all of life and who l not miss heaven here as well as beyond the grave. Thy mercy be upon s world of ours. O God of all that is right, give us and to all nations, ders who shall wisely strive for the larger good and so be acknowledged sent from God.

These be our prayers, O God, each for help for himself, for blessing on se he loves; for the grace of God in the hearts of men the earth around t the Kingdoms of this world may begin to become the Kingdom of our rd and of His Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Robert M. Kennan, Minister,
First Congregational Church, Yakima.

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